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September 20, 2000

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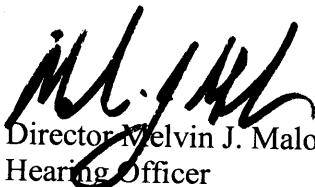
Parties of Record
(See attached service list.)

IN RE: Universal Service for Rural Areas - The Generic Docket

Docket No. 00-00523

Any party in the above-styled matter desiring to file objections or comments regarding the attached Petition to Intervene filed by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association on August 31, 2000, must file such with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority no later than **noon on Friday, September 22, 2000**, in order to be considered by the Hearing Officer.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.


Director Melvin J. Malone,
Hearing Officer

Attachment

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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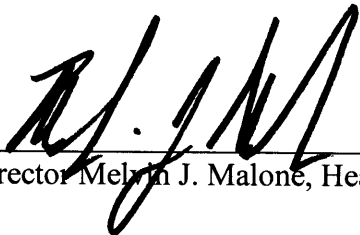
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IN RE: *Universal Service for Rural Areas --- The Generic Docket*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear David:

Enclosed for filing is the Petition to Intervene by the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") in the referenced docket as well as a check in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

Henry Walker

By:

Henry Walker *HW*

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Attachment

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TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

August 31, 2000

IN RE: *Universal Service for Rural Areas --- The Generic Docket*
 Docket No. 00-00523

PETITION TO INTERVENE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.


This docket was opened for the purpose of addressing universal service issues in rural Tennessee and the impact of competition on independent Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs").

SECCA is an association composed of competitive telecommunications carriers, including local exchange carriers, many of whom operate or intend to operate in both rural and non-rural areas of Tennessee. On behalf of its members, SECCA has a legal interest in the establishment of a universal service fund applicable to providers in rural areas.

Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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